

Creating characters—the stars of your story

To make an interesting story, you need interesting characters. And to create interesting characters, you have to get to know them—just like you get to know a real person. One of the ways to do that is to pretend you work for a newspaper or television station and interview your character. Here are a few questions to get you started. Maybe you can think of some questions of your own!

- 1) Are you human or animal?
- 2) Are you a boy or girl?
- 3) If you are an animal, what kind?
- 4) If you are human, how old are you?
- 5) Do you live alone, in a family or with friends?
- 6) Are you shy? Or do you talk a lot?
- 7) At a party, do you stand by yourself? Talk to just a few people?
Or talk to just about everyone?
- 8) What is your favorite color?
- 9) What is your favorite food?
- 10) What do you love to do more than anything?
- 11) What do you hate doing more than anything?
- 12) What are you most scared of?
- 13) If you could make anything happen, what would it be?
- 14) What keeps you from making that happen?
- 15) Who is your best friend?
- 16) What do you like to do together?
- 17) Where do you live? In a house or apartment? In the country or the city?
- 18) What do you do when you're scared or worried?
- 19) What do you do when you're angry?
- 20) What object do you always carry in your pocket or purse? Why?